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1. Zygmunt Kuligowski, Polish Minister to Cairo, arrived in Palestine on 6 April 1947, and is reported to have conferred at length with Piotr Witkowski, who came from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to see the former. Witkowski was accompanied by Halberstadt, an engineer recently arrived in Palestine to represent the Polish Airline, "LOT". According to informant, the Polish Government is interested in establishing an airline following the route Warsaw-Belgrade-Athens-Cairo-Lydda, and the Soviet Government is likewise attaching great importance to the establishment of the line.

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Comment: Halberstadt appears to have been living as a refugee in Palestine during the war. While in Palestine he had joined the "Union of Polish Patriots", a pro-Warsaw organization (which has been liquidated since that time), and in the beginning of 1946 he was repatriated to Poland.

2. Kuligowski is believed to have indicated to Victor Pohl, the former Polish Consul in Jerusalem, that the Warsaw Government has had reason to be displeased with the Polish Consulate there, allegedly because of the publication of newspaper accounts on Polish consular activities in Jerusalem, i.e. Claire Hollingsworth's article published in the London weekly, News of the World. Kuligowski apparently intimated that a purge of consular personnel might be expected.
3. At that time, Pohl was already aware of his impending transfer to Tehran, about which he is said to have been very unhappy; he was even reported to be considering resigning. Informant states, however, that Pohl was told that he might be made to pay for his good relations with the Germans during the war. He appears to have spent a major part of the war in Zagreb during the German occupation and was allowed to live there unmolested. He was of German descent and married to a German woman. Since then, Pohl has died very suddenly, supposedly of a heart ailment.

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